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WAR-TIME CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

Resolution of the War-Time Conference of Modern Language Teachers, adopted at the meeting of the National Education Association, July 3, 1918:

WHEREAS, we recognize the teaching of the American National ideals of Liberty, Democracy, and Humanity to be a first and paramount duty of every instructor in foreign languages; and

WHEREAS, the part played by textbooks is of the greatest importance in its influence on school and college youth; therefore, be it

Resolved: (1) That as teachers of the foreign modern languages we pledge ourselves to refrain from the use of any book, whether of grammatical method, literary content or critical character, which in its subject matter or critical or illustrative apparatus tends to weaken in the minds of our youth the American ideals of Liberty, Democracy, and Humanity;

(2) That in the preparation for publication of critical or illustrative works, of whatever character, and in the editing of foreign language texts, we pledge ourselves to emphasize in every way possible these national ideals;

(3) That the examination of foreign language texts from this standpoint be referred to the joint committee on texts of the Federation of Modern Language Teachers' Associations and the Association of Modern Language Teachers of the Central West and South in order that they may recommend only such lists of texts as contain nothing out of keeping with the national ideals above mentioned;

(4) That copies of this resolution be sent to the various associations bearing responsibility in this matter, viz: The Modern Language Association of America, the Association of Modern Language Teachers of the Central West and South, and the constituent associations of the Federation of Modern Language Teachers' Associations and the American Association of Teachers of Spanish, as well as to the Emergency Council on Education of the National Council of Defense, and that they be published in the *Modern Language Journal,* HISPANIA, and as many other journals of modern language teachers as possible.